BOTH MAJOR LEAGUES EXPECT BIG SEASONS

Magnates Predict Another Six Months of Exciting Pennant Races and General Prosperity-Ignore Invasion of Field by Federals.

New York, April 12.—On the eve of the major league baseball season, executives and magnates of the American and National Leagues predict another six months of exciting pennant races and general prosperity. Organized baseball, ignoring the invasion of its field by the newly-formed Federal group of owners and players, refterates and the standard of the game as played by its clubs.

Both President Ban Johnston, of the American League, and President Johnston, of the National League, and President John K. Tener, of the National League, express the belief that organized ball will receive the confidence and support accorded it by devotees of the game in past years.

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"I think the quality of baseball to be played this year will equal or exect that of the past. The Philadelphia Athletics naturally command the great respect, because of their pennant and world's series victories, but several other clubs must be given serious consideration.

"Washington and Boston are clubs of known strength. Chicago appears to have found new men of exceptional value. Cleveland has not been seriously crippled by the Federal League invasion, but accidents to Chapman and Leibold will interfere ameterially with its success in the early part of the season. Detroit has developed two or three players of splendid promise. I sam encouraged over the prospects of the best pitching staffs in the league, in organized ball in general."

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ON EVE OF BATTLE, NATIONAL LEAGUE TURNER AND BURNS PREDICT VICTORY

Neither Can See Defeat as Result of Match at Academy

To-Night.

master craftsmen are resting on their oars awaiting the time for battle. The work of preparation has been going on for more than ten days. Turner pronounced himself fit to put up the fight of his life. His belt, his title and the money that is taken in, all are in Jeopardy, and he will seek to win for all three of these reasons.

Burns is equally as anxious to land a victory. He came here from his home in Flint, Mich, for the sole purpose of securing a match with Turner. He is on the eve of battle and on edge to get at his man. Ever since he arrived here he has lived with but one thought in mind—winning from Turner. It was Burns who suggested that the winner take all. From a popular standpoint the meaning is obvious, he believes that he can whip Turner. Unquestionably there is greater interest in this match than in any the fans have witnessed heretofore. Everywhere that the fans gather the battle between Turner and Burns is the one absorbing topic of conversation. Little betting has been done, but what few bets have been recorded, show Burns the favorite, strange as this may seem, at odds of 10 to 8.

Both Turner and Burns will be well within the weight limit when they step on the stage. It looks like a very big night for the fans.

Chiesgo Beats Cleveland.



UMPIRES ASSIGNED

Given Instructions Preliminary to Opening of Season on Tuesday.

New York, April 12.—National League umpires received their instruc-tions for the season and were assign-ed for the opening games on Tuesday next, at the league headquarters here

To-Night.

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When the referee gives the word to-night in the Academy of Music to Joe Turner and Frank Burns, the two middlewsights, who will battle for the championship of the world, the one to reath his title and the other to win it, wrestling and fight fans will crowd the theatre from pit to dome, will see the fastest milling ever pulled off in Hichmond. The bout will beein prompting at \$4.65 octook.

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Rochester Plays Here To-Day

The Rochester Club, of the Inter-mational League, will be the at-traction at the Broad Street Bail Park this afternoon. The game will begin at 4 o'clock. It is probable that Manager Ryan will start Shipe, his one portpaw, against the visitors. The game should be good, and there is a chance for the Colta to slip one over on the Class AA leaguers, now that on the Class AA lenguers, now that the left wing of the infield has been strengthened by the addition of Shortstop Edwards.

JUE TINKER ALONE CLAIMS PENNANT

Chicago, Ill., April 12.—Reports from the managers of the three Chicago teams to day found only Joe Tinker, the Federal League leader, definitely claiming a pennant. Manager O'Day, of the Nationals, and Manager Callahan, of the Americans, were conservative in their prophecies.

Tinker believes his pitchers will win the Federal flag for him, but does not underestimate the services he expects to get from his fast infield.

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BEAT BALTIMORE

Detroit
Batteries: Burke and Livingstone;
Dauss, Williams and Stanage, McKee. Season Opens on Thursday. Brunswick, Ga., April 12—The Georgia State League will open its second playing season on Thursday, The organization is a class D league.

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Henderson to Wrestle Donelly

The promoters of local wrestling matches announce that on the 20th of this month Mort Henderson will meet Mike Donelly, the Irish heavymeet Mike Donelly, the Irish heavy-weight champion, in a finish match, the winner to meet Dr. B. F. Roller. The men will weigh 220 pounds each. Dr. Roller is at present in the South, where he is meeting all comers and winning with surprising regularity. He is anxious to arrange a match in Richmond, and for this reason promised to meet the winner of the Henderson-Donelly go.

NATIONALS WIN FROM AMERICANS

St. Louis, April 12.—The St. Louis Nationals won the last game of the city series from the St. Louis Americans to-day, 5 to 2. The standing at the close of the series gave the Nationals five victories and the Americans one.

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TO WASHINGTON

Providence, R. I., April 12.—Three hits and a sacrifice in the seventh gave the Washington Americans victory over the Providence Internationals, 7 to 5, Batteries: Bentley, England, Henry Oldham, Bentley and Kocher, Onslow

BEATS HIS OWN RECORD

SOUTHERN LEAGUE OPENS TUESDAY

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BOTH MAJOR leagues begin their championship season to-morrow afternoon, and for the space of a brief second, bridging the time between the pitcher's windup and his delivery of the ball, that part of the world contained within the borders of the United States will skip a pulse beat. One hundred and fifty thousand souls will be on hand to witness the initial struggles, and there will be other untold thousands with eyes glued on scoreboards to learn the fate of their favorites. Despite English criticism, this baseball game is a marvelous thing. It furnishes more thrills, more heart-throbs, more excitements than any other pastime in the universe. It completely consumes the small boy, and it just as completely enthralls the grown-up lad with the frost of many winters upon his head. From pauper's hovel to bondholder's palace it welds a chain binding the one to the other. Social heighths are leveled and Mr. and Mrs. Nobody gather on equal footing with Mr. and Mrs. Somebody and friendly slaps on the back are resented by neither party when the home club scores a victory. Could one ask more of any sport?

DOPE, even when ground from the most precise mill, is still-dope. It looks now that the Athletics and Glants would repeat in their respective leagues. But that's just dope. Joe Birmingham swears by the eternal gods that Cleveland will beat the Mackmen. Clark Griffith writes a story for a Washington paper, and says that he has never predicted a pennant for any of his clubs, and isn't going to break his rule this time, but the clubs that beats me out will win the rag." So it goes down the line. The same condition exists in the older organization. McGraw expects to repeat, but Charlie Dooin and his Philies say that they will be in the running. George Stallings and his Braves gave evidence last season that with a little bolstering the Boston club would be dangerous. Stallings has bolstered probably more than his rivals, and has suffered less from the pestiferous Feds. Pittsburgh is always a contender, and so there you are again. If there was any infallible dopels, the game and the castle are infallible dopels, the game and the castle are that the they found is the castle are that the they found is the castle are that the they found is the castle are the castle are that the they found is the castle are that the they found is the castle are that the they found is the castle are the ca are again. If there was any infallible dope, or if there appened to be any infallible dopeist, the game would lose its interest. Once in a very long while some scrivener is lucky enough to guess right. Then he grows chesty. But for the most part, your wise prophet is willing to await

THE MOST interesting development of the week was the decision of Judge Sessions, in regarding the Killifer case, in which the prop was kicked out from under organized baseball when the jurist ruled that the reserve clause in the national agreement contract was illegal and not binding. Since 1880 the reserve clause has been the bulwark of organized baseball. It has been the one thing that kent salaris within bounds ized baseball. It has been the one thing that kept salaris within bounds and the players together. That it lacked mutuality was agreed among all who had studied the contract, but even with this evil it was the one and only way that could be devised by which clubs in the smaller cities of the circuit could maintain a right to their players. It is obvious that where receipts are greatest greatest salaries can be paid. If the player were not restricted by the reserve clause he could put his services up for the highest bidder, and the more prosperous cities could raid their weaker cities and disrupt the ball clubs.

Loops in Monoplane.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
London, April 12.—Gustav Hamel, the aviator, heat his own loop-the-loc, record at Henrion by making twenty-one loops in a Morane-Sauinter monoplane at an altitude of 4,000 feet.

F. W. Gooden made seventeen loops in a Caudron biplane.

THE REAL significance of Judge Session's opinion seems to have passed over both organized baseball and the Federal League. Both claim a victory, and yet both are doomed to suffer as a result. Killifer goes to Philadelphia and the Feds lose his services. The National League gains Killifer, but the spots are knocked out of the reserve clause.

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AT FIRST BLUSH but two remedies are presented. One is to adopt another agreement, making the contract absolutely bulletproof, so far as legal shots are concerned, and striking out all clauses not mutual within the meaning of the law, and also taking under the fold of organized baseball the Federal League, and the other is to sign all players to long-term contracts, also mutual. If the Federal League is a success, a financial success this season, under the ruling of Judge Sessions, the independent organization can go into the market at the end of the playing season and grab all the players it wants, provided it is able to pay the price, and this regardless of contracts now existing, for such contracts, under this latest decision, are not binding.

SINCE THE VICTORY of Governor Stuart and Attorney-General Pollard in driving the bookmakers out of Norfolk, many unkind things and many foolish things have been said regarding the men who achieved the many toolish things have been said regarding the men who achieved the result of convicting the lawbreakers, and the result itself. A great hurrah was raised that the people of Norfolk resented the action of Virginia's chief executive. Some of the people of Norfolk may have resented it, but most of this resentment was in the breasts of the bookmakers themselves, and in the breasts of the men who follow the ponies. The average Norfolk merchant is glad that racing is through. He has open accounts on his books with young men earning \$75 to \$100 a month, who used to be profitable customers. Since racing began they have failed to pay their bills. The inference is too clear-cut to need any explanation. And, moreover, open bookmaking is a violation of the

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manded admission to the dungeor Baron Domenico had continued the torture of his two sisters after the death of his father, and was abetted by his brother, Francesco, and his other sisters, Antonia and Gracia.

It is said that Teresina was buried alive in the dungeon and afterward taken from the grave while still alive and beaten to death by the family.

The affair came to the knowledge of at that time they found isobel in the dungeon completely nude and emaciated to the proportions of a skeletou. The family offered some plausible ex-plausition, and the woman was left in their care, but was later removed to the Girfalco Hospital, while a search-ing investigation was begun. This re-

EXCITEMENT IS FATAL.

sulted in the arrest of Paron Do

Aged Inventor Dies as He Is Testing
New Autoboat.

Monte Carlo, April 12.—Ferdinand
Forest, an aged inventor of a motor,
died suddenly to-day as he was testing a new autoboat in which he was
about to attempt to break the mile
speed record. The boat ran against a
jetty, and although the craft was only
slightly damaged the excitement proved
fatal to the inventor, who suffered
from heart disease. Forest was the
first to construct a four-cylinder engine and apply the magneto ignition.

Victory for American.

Sydney, Australia, April 12.—Eddie McGeorty, the American fighter, to-day knocked out Dave Smith, of Australia, in the tenth round of a twenty-round fight.

Amusements

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